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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6711**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1152

**NOTE PREPARED:** Dec 20, 2010

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Concussions and Head Injuries in Student Athletes.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Bacon

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill requires the Department of Education, consulting with an association that conducts, organizes, sanctions, or sponsors interscholastic high school athletic events as the association's primary purpose, to develop and disseminate guidelines, information sheets, and forms to inform and educate coaches, student athletes, and parents of student athletes of the nature and risk of concussions and head injuries.

The bill requires that a student athlete and the student athlete's parent must be given information concerning head injuries and concussions and return a form acknowledging receipt of the information to the student athlete's coach each year before beginning practice for a sport.

The bill provides that a student athlete who is suspected of sustaining a head injury or concussion must be removed from play at the time of the injury. It provides that the student athlete may not return to play until the student athlete has been evaluated and received written clearance from a licensed health care provider trained in evaluating head injuries. The bill also provides that a health care provider who as a volunteer provides head injury evaluations to student athletes has immunity from civil liability for acts or omissions arising from the evaluations, except for gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2011.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The Department of Education could incur some administrative costs associated with developing and disseminating information and forms on concussions. The additional cost would probably be minor and would be mainly one-time costs.

**Background:** The Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) currently provides information to officials and coaches on concussions. The IHSAA and the National Federation of State High School Associations require an athlete who exhibits signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with a concussion be immediately removed from the contest and not be allowed to play until cleared by an appropriate health care professional. The official of the contest is required to file a report with the IHSAA within 24 hours.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** Schools could incur some additional costs with the disseminating of information and the required record keeping. The additional cost is probably minor.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Department of Education.

**Local Agencies Affected:** Schools.

**Information Sources:** IHSAA, <http://www.ihsaa.org/dnn/Home/tabid/38/Default.aspx>

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